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Remembering 9/11



Aftermath from a terrorist attack on the Pentagon, Sept. 11, 2001.

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A New York City firefighter looks up at what remains of the World Trade Center Sept. 13, 2001, after its collapse following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

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(Above and left) Members of the West Point community take a moment to reflect on the 9/11 terrorist attacks at a memorial service at Trophy Point Sept. 14, 2001.

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9/11 was about loss, but now its about remembering, honoring

By Eric S. Bartelt
Managing Editor

As I write this commentary, I'm preparing to go to a funeral Monday for the passing of a close family member. The irony of it all is this commentary is about 9/11 and how I remembered that time period 10 years ago—and, how it closely ties into my thoughts today.

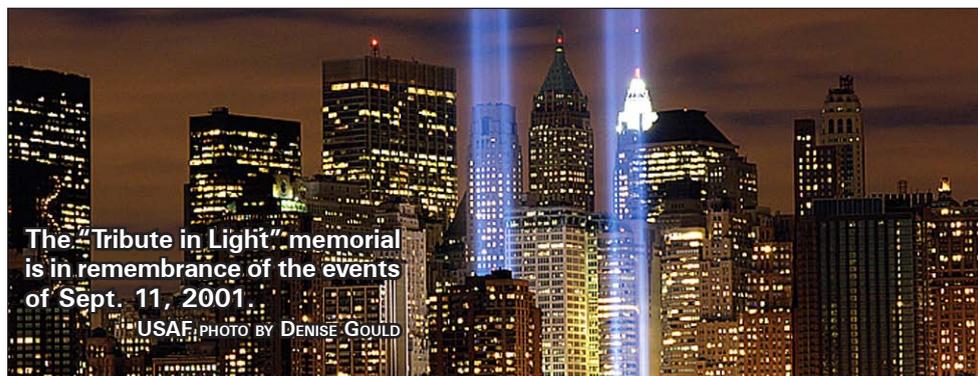
On Sept. 11, 2001, I was stationed at Fort Campbell, Ky., as part of the 40th Public Affairs Detachment.

My day was no different than anyone else's while going to work on a bright, clear-skied day. However, once 8:46 a.m. EST came and American Airlines Flight 11 hit the North Tower of the World Trade Center, life changed for us all in some way. Over the next two hours, chaos ensued as I accompanied my PAD commander to meetings that involved the instant change of post security—changes that became less strict in time, but still more thorough than pre-9/11.

The days afterward would involve co-workers who lived off-post taking four-plus hours to get to work because of those post security changes, Humvees with .50-cal's protecting neighborhoods in the housing areas and the media onslaught of wanting to know what the 101st Airborne Division was planning to do next. The word hectic comes to mind often when thinking of those hours and days after the terrorist attacks.

I personally didn't know anyone who died at the Twin Towers of the World Trade Center, the Pentagon or in the fields of Shanksville, Pa., the day those four planes crashed, but there was a somber feeling I couldn't shake. As the country grieved the national tragedy, I would also grieve the passing of my grandfather two weeks later of leukemia.

My grandfather, Norbert, was a man who fought many battles in his life. His father died at a young age, so he and his brother kept their family thriving above poverty through the post-Great Depression era despite his own



physical limitations.

My grandfather had polio as a child, an illness that would have prohibited him from joining the military, but he forged his mother's signature to get in the military because his age and his pre-existing illness would have excluded him—but he wanted to do his duty like every American during World War II.

From 1942-44, my grandfather flew 54 missions in Europe in a B-24 as a tail gunner. He flew with two different crews during those missions.

My grandfather was the sole survivor of the first crew he flew with after his plane crash landed. The tail end of the B-24 he flew in broke away from the main body of the plane and somehow he survived while everyone else died when the main body exploded in the crash.

He would drive on despite the tragedy and continue to fly during World War II with the crew of "The Stork," so named because they were all very young, and after many more close calls in the air, he earned the Silver Star and Purple Heart during his time served in the Army.

When 9/11 came more than 55 years later, my grandfather was toward the end of his life, but he did share his anger and sadness of the day, almost exactly how he and the country felt right after Pearl Harbor and his generation's "Day of Infamy."

Just months after his death, I would deploy to Afghanistan in January 2002 attached to the

187th Infantry Regiment (Rakassans). The Rakassans would meet their "Rendezvous with Destiny" during that deployment as they participated in Operation Anaconda, among other important missions.

However, before all that happened, on the flight to Germany from Fort Campbell, the plane was piloted by a man who flew during the Vietnam War. Through much doing on his part through conversations with the air traffic controllers, he was able to get clearance for our plane to circle the area above the World Trade Center site.

It was truly a significant moment at the time, not only because we were the first commercial plane allowed to do such a maneuver after 9/11, but mostly because we were allowed to see what we were fighting for—why this mission was so important in the fight for freedom.

I never really experienced what my grandfather experienced during World War II—I couldn't even imagine it—because our missions were quite different, but from that view in the sky, like his view, I could see much of it was still the same. It wasn't necessarily my mission per se, but the mission of my fellow Soldiers, the men and women who have sacrificed much in the 10 years since 9/11.

While my grandfather's generation and my generation are drastically different in terms of how we speak, the technology we use and the life we live, the goal is still the

same—defending the freedom of America.

In many ways, I didn't get a chance to share much of that military connection with my grandfather during his life because I didn't join the military until the end of his life. The most I learned about his service was during his visit to Fort Campbell after my first daughter was born about five months before 9/11 and his eventual death.

Unfortunately, I was a snot-nosed kid growing up, not really interested in his war stories and didn't recognize how important he was in my life, even though I grew up living under his roof. The importance of a man—slight in build, but strong as an ox—who knew what hard work meant on a daily basis, a man who went through many hardships to provide food and shelter for a large family—my family.

In thinking about his death so soon after 9/11, it got me thinking that there may come a day where 9/11 is nothing more than a date on a calendar, sort of what Pearl Harbor Day is to many Americans today. If you can't relate to it in some way, then you will forget.

9/11 brought out those emotions from my grandfather, the same ones he felt years earlier. Almost 10 years later, after flying over the World Trade Center site, I visited Ground Zero once again last week and saw the 9/11 Memorial from a distance and the current construction of the new One World Trade Center.

To me, that visit is the reminder I needed that we should never forget. We should never forget the lives lost that day, the lives that were changed forever—either that day or in the years after through service in the military—and if we become complacent again that history tends to repeat itself in a tragic way, such as Pearl Harbor and 9/11.

I'm not sure yet how I will spend 9/11 and pay my respects to all those who have passed, but I will be thinking of my grandfather, an everyday man who gave much of himself in life but his importance is just as special in death, someone I honor and I'll never forget.

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WTC survivor becomes advocate for post 9/11 health issues

By Mike Strasser
Assistant Editor

Susan Herr was enjoying a morning cup of coffee at her desk on Sept. 11, 2001. A computer programmer working in the Morgan Stanley office on the 68th floor of 2 World Trade Center, Herr wasn't familiar with the noise she heard a short distance away.

What she heard sounded like the industrial air conditioning units powering up, and no one in the office saw the plane hit the North Tower. Peering out the windows of the South Tower office, she saw the debris but, again, thought it was coming from the air conditioning vents. When somebody announced the crash, like many others, she assumed it was an accident. There was nothing unusual seeing small planes flying past her office window, which was a frequent occurrence that high above the city, and there had been accidents before.

What she could see and hear didn't register any cause for alarm, but then she smelled the plane fuel burning.

"I come from a family of New York City firefighters—and something just went off in my mind that I needed to get out of the building," Herr said.

She managed to get into an elevator for the 43rd floor but instead of switching to another elevator bank, people were told to use the stairwell, Herr said. In the meantime, building management had announced that workers could return to their desks. No one imagined another plane crash was possible, let alone one that would collapse their building.

Instead, she continued down the stairwell that became extremely congested with people also trying to evacuate.

"I started getting this panic attack. I got to the 19th floor and had to get out," Herr said.

She remembers seeing a heavy-set man having an asthma attack and a pair of senior citizens who were unable to use the stairs.

"The older gentleman looked at me like my grandfather would, and said, 'Hurry up, honey, get in the elevator with us.' So I got in," she said.

Just when she got out, the second plane would hit the South Tower and the elevator doors would never open again. In the South Tower, United Airlines Flight 175 struck the 78th through 84th floors.

Outside the South Tower

Those who already made it outdoors were cramming back inside to avoid falling debris, and Herr found herself navigating a way out. Some chose to descend into the subway system, but she chose to stay within the plaza. When Herr finally made it out of the complex, she couldn't believe the horribleness of it all. A policewoman advised her not to look down. But she did anyway. Herr is careful to choose the gentlest of words to describe what she saw, though it does little to remove the sheer horror of the scene.

"After you see that, you just run," she said.

A servicemember from a nearby recruiting station asked her if she was OK and told her to keep running to the East Side as far as she could go. Herr remembers running in a crowd through Chinatown and seeing what she thought were Blackhawks flying overhead. That's when she heard that the Pentagon had also been attacked. No one could believe it was true, but it was hard to get any definitive news about anything, she said.

"You saw cell phones being thrown all over because people couldn't get any signals," Herr said.

Even in the chaos and the frustration immediately after the attacks, Herr said New Yorkers defied the stereotype with remarkable bravery and selflessness.

"They say New Yorkers can be very cold and heartless, but we were all helping each other that entire day," Herr said.

Attention to details

It's amazing how the mind retains small details even under the most intense of situations. Like many WTC survivors, Herr precludes her story talking about the warmth of that September morning and the clearness of the blue sky. She also remembers exiting the Trade Center with a man carrying a box of donuts under his arm all the way to 34th Street. She also remembers while everybody seemed to be running in one direction away from the Twin Towers, scores of firefighters were making their way past them going into what would be called Ground Zero.

"They were coming in full force as we were running," Herr said. "It was just an amazing sight, and a credit to their training—how they were able to get through all of us and no one I saw was hit or knocked down."

Herr was determined to get to Penn Station and return to her Long Island home. The Long Island Railroad had stopped operation, so she met her sister-in-law who worked nearby at the Madison Square Garden building. Still covered lightly in ash and debris, Herr would finally learn the rest of the story she didn't already experience and she telephoned her family.

"They didn't even know if I was alive or not," Herr said. "I'm usually in the office by 8:20 a.m., so they knew I was in there, but I wasn't able to talk to them until after 1 p.m."

That evening, her employer would call to confirm Herr survived the attack and to obtain any information about other office workers. She would later learn that of the approximately 2,500 employees of Morgan Stanley—the largest tenant in the World Trade Center—six had died.

Back to work, dealing with health issues

Just two days later, Herr was working from home and communicating closely with a close-knit group of colleagues. Although she didn't have to return to work in Lower Manhattan for more than a year, her nerves and recurring nightmares prevented her from sleeping well. More so, she suffered from a nagging cough that required little exertion to send her into a fit. No one knew the problems that would derive from that cloud of dust hovering so many days over New York City. Herr said it affected first responders, WTC workers and community members regardless of their activity during rescue operations. The World Trade Center Registry and the WTC Environmental Health Center were established to provide resources and assistance to those who were affected. Herr added her name to the Registry in 2008 and doctors at the WTC Environmental Health Center diagnosed Susan with asthma.

"But you didn't need to be covered in dust either," Herr said. "I met a young lady who worked down at the Stock Exchange, away from the dust cloud. She needed to have a pacemaker put in because the dust had damaged her heart."

She has no intention of returning to Ground Zero and has no plans to commemorate the anniversary. She has no fear of flying or high-rise buildings, but to this day, the sound of prolonged emergency vehicles momentarily triggers the "fight or flight" mechanism in her mind. Herr won't go so far as to call it post-traumatic stress. Instead she is thankful for the strength of her family and friends for helping her through.

"Yes, it's with me every day," Herr said. "I think (former NYC Mayor) Rudy Giuliani said it best, 'You never forget, but you learn to live with it,' and I'm happy I was one of the lucky ones."

Advocate for WTC survivors

Today, Herr works for Team Operations for the Directorate of Intercollegiate Athletics and is an active advocate for the program that provided her with the aid she needed after 9/11. Recently, she joined a group in Washington, D.C. to testify before Congress in support of the 9/11 Health and Compensation Act.

"This is so far out of my comfort zone," Herr said. "I tend to be the one sitting in the back of the room like a sponge, not saying anything but absorbing everything. With this, I am putting myself up front. I never would have volunteered for something like this before."

Herr believes that people who need help should get it and part of the solution is making sure they know that there are resources available to them. The WTC Environmental Health Center has sites in Bellevue, Lower Manhattan and Queens, which Herr said is worth the two-hour commute for her to maintain health monitoring and treatment.

"They take care of people with physical and psychological needs, and no one should be embarrassed to ask for help," Herr said.

A good website for public information about health resources, Herr said, can be found at www.nyc.gov/9-11HealthInfo. It offers details on free treatment for 9/11-related health problems, the impact of 9/11 on physical and mental health and links to non-profit organizations.



As the sun rose on Sept. 12, 2001, smoke could still be seen across the Hudson River as the pile of rubble that once was the World Trade Center in New York City continued to smolder.

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Dean recalls how 9/11 impacted West Point

(Editor's note: This interview with Brig. Gen. Timothy Trainor was conducted in July 2010 as he transitioned to dean of the academic board. During the interview, he talked about how changes in technology affected classroom instruction, which segued into a discussion about how the Sept. 11 attacks also transformed training at the academy.)

Pointer View: Do you remember what you were doing when you first heard about the attack on the World Trade Center?

BG Trainor: I remember vividly. I was on B Level, Mahan Hall (two levels below ground)—that is where Systems Engineering and the Civil and Mechanical Engineering Departments are located. And I mention B Level because there's an entrance from the outside, from the roadway that goes directly to B. We were down there, and I happened to be in the hallway when a construction worker—there's always construction going on around West Point—comes running in the side door and he yells out, 'Hey, a plane just hit one of the World Trade Center towers.'

I just remember being kind of irritated, thinking that some knucklehead in a private plane had lost control and hit it. Then somebody turned on a TV and we saw it. I think I ran off to class, but then I saw the second plane when it hit the World Trade Center.

Pointer View: Do you recall what the sentiment was at the time immediately following the attacks?

BG Trainor: There was anger, fear and sadness. I don't think people really grasped what it meant for the country until later



Brig. Gen. Timothy Trainor recalled the frustration felt throughout the Corps of Cadets on Sept. 11, wanting nothing more than to go to Ground Zero and assist with the rescue operations.

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on when the President came out and spoke—this was probably more in the October time frame—and clearly identified that we were going to commence operations in Afghanistan, and that our focus was on this Global War on Terrorism.

The initial reaction here, though, was a mixture of fear and frustration. Many folks, particularly cadets, wanted to pack up and head down to the World Trade Center to help. They couldn't understand why we weren't just closing the doors at West Point and taking the Corps of Cadets down there for recovery operations. Frankly, the way I understand it, the leadership did ask what we could do, but the answer was 'we don't need you now.' They needed to get control of the situation, and what they didn't need was another 4,000 people showing up to be aid workers and then not having a defined purpose on how to use them. So we ended up not going, not taking the Corps, and that led to a lot of frustration. Cadets were upset that they didn't think they could make any tangible impact right then and there, but frankly, they would have been in the way with what was going on then.

Pointer View: Was it hard to go back to 'business as usual' after that day?

BG Trainor: Like any good military institution, we continued to march ... continued with the mission. And I remember talking to cadets in my class, particularly the day after, and they expressed that frustration. Part of the objective of terrorism is to take you out of your routine. They have succeeded when they get you to change your behavior and change what you're doing. Our mission is to prepare cadets to be the best leaders they can be for our Army so they can be involved in this war, in what we would later call the Global War on Terrorism. I had to tell them their job right now is to prepare themselves intellectually, militarily, physically, and morally and ethically; to become the best officers so they can help prosecute this Global War on Terrorism after graduation.

So there was a lot of frustration because we continued to have classes, but my answer to that was: terrorists succeed when they make you stop what you're doing and change.

The other way we responded was by, particularly cadets who were directly affected and who had family members inside the World Trade Center or Pentagon, making sure they had appropriate access to counseling and we did talk with them. Many instructors spent a lot of time allowing cadets to air out their feelings, what they were thinking and talk through this frustration they were feeling.

Pointer View: What was the immediate impact 9/11 had on West Point as an installation?

BG Trainor: Physically around the post, we locked down the gates and went into 24-hour operations; we had professors on patrol because we quickly exceeded the capacity of the military police. This was before we had contracted security at the gates. The MPs were still on the gates and they couldn't maintain 24-hour operations. We had staff and faculty pulling gate guard, particularly on the weekends and on night shifts. I remember pulling guard duty so the MPs could spread out their shifts and have a break. But I don't think people really came to grasp what it all meant until we got directly involved in operations in Afghanistan, when our Army got involved ... and then it became real to us, and we needed to prepare cadets for a new set of challenges.

Pointer View: That transition from peacetime to wartime operations in the Army had what affect on the academy?

BG Trainor: What we were doing here was very real-world, and that we, as a faculty, had almost a sacred calling to get these young men and women ready for the challenges they were going to face, even though at the time we weren't clear on what those challenges would be. It became more real to us and to the cadets, because it was highly likely that after

graduation, they would deploy to Afghanistan, and then later, to Iraq, and that hasn't changed today.

Pointer View: There has been a continuous focus on strengthening military training at West Point. How did 9/11 influence this?

BG Trainor: It became clear to everybody that what we were doing here wasn't just a set of exercises that they had to get through before graduation. It became crucial and served a much larger purpose than ever before to get them ready. Again, it just became that much more tangible and real to faculty, staff and the Corps of Cadets. The military program here took on a greater emphasis, and rightfully so, because, they were going to have to use it. I think we saw, particularly in recent years, a revamping of the military program to make it much more relevant to what they were going to do after they leave here. I think all the commandants in this era have done a terrific job of shaping the military program to make it much more relevant. It just took on an aura of everything being much more real and tangible.

This is reflected in everything we do because our young men and women now have to take everything they learn here—academically, militarily and physically—and very soon, lead Soldiers into harm's way.

Pointer View: So what would you say was the lasting impact 9/11 had on West Point?

BG Trainor: There was an attitude shift, and the tangibles were seen in the military program and in the curriculum. Then we stood up the Combating Terrorism Center through the Department of Social Sciences—adding a minor in terrorism study—and our faculty made a lot of effort to make sure the examples we were using were relevant to the scenarios the cadets would be facing. The instructors and faculty were also much more willing to open up and discuss what they did in the Army, and particularly later on when those returning from GWOT deployments spent time in classes and other forums to share stories and lessons learned with cadets; how they used their education and training in prosecuting the GWOT.

9/11: Reflections from the West Point community

• **Maj. Wynne Beers, Department of History:** I was a firstie sitting in, of all classes, the SOSH Department's "National Security Seminar," when AA Flight 11 hit WTC Tower 1. A breathless colonel poked his head in the class only long enough to direct our instructor to switch the television from the comforting monotony of Thayer Time to the events unfolding that, even in those early moments, carried obvious potential to remake the lives we had imagined for ourselves after commissioning.

Across the Corps that morning, I can picture thousands of other cadets glued, as was I, to the broadcast TV stations piped in over our computers. By noon formation, the atmosphere in the Corps of Cadets carried a peculiar mix of anger and frustration, grief and concern. An unsettling but understandable rage I had never before seen in several of my closest friends clashed with the boyish bravado others brandished, saber in hand.

Both groups were aware of a sea change before them, but as yet incapable of fathoming the strength of its undertow, and who among us it would drag down over the next decade.

When accountability was rendered from companies up to regiments, it was lost on no one that we were all answering a call that would come but too soon. Marching in for lunch to Washington Hall seemed not unlike marching to join the great man himself in defense of liberty. Or so perhaps we wished that day: a hope that the unforeseeable sacrifices we would make would be of comparable import to the nation and its people.

I still wonder, were we, all of us that afternoon, youthfully naïve or painfully prescient?

• **Maj. Tom Anderson, Department of English:** I was a First Class cadet when the terrorists attacked the World Trade Center towers. On that morning, I exited a classroom

into the Thayer Hall corridor and I heard another cadet yell down the hallway, "Somebody bombed the World Trade Center!" Of course we later learned that the terrorists had flown the planes into the buildings, but the memory of that cadet yelling over the shuffling bustle of cadets stays with me to this day.



challenge, suffering and sacrifice. A decidedly more somber and mission-oriented atmosphere marked the remainder of our firstie year as we tried to prepare for our participation in war and the defense of our nation.

• **Shirley Lewis, ODIA, Lacrosse Secretary:** That day will always be embedded in my mind. I heard it on the radio in my office at ODIA that a plane just hit one of the Twin Towers and I thought—"What!" I ran into the hallway and just yelled out that one of the Twin Towers was just hit by a plane—I didn't know if it was big plane or a little one and didn't wait to hear.

I ran with others to the auditorium to see the news on the big screen TV and we stood there in disbelief watching the devastation and destruction, wondering what in the world happened, and why? Was it a fluke accident or what? Then we actually witnessed the second plane hit the second Twin Tower. We all just stood there. I don't know how many shouted "Oh My God!" The outpouring of emotions and gestures was

unreal. This was really happening and I really saw it happen! We couldn't believe what we just witnessed and just stood there and watched it like zombies.

We couldn't do anything but stand there now with our hands over our mouths, some holding their heads, we looked at each other and shook our heads—we were drained of all emotion. I couldn't help thinking why and who would do such a horrible thing and thought this is an awful, awful accident.

It wasn't long after that we found out it wasn't an accident. We saw the second plane turn and head straight into the second Twin Tower. Oh my God, who could do such a thing? There were men, women and children on those planes and in those buildings! Then to stand there and watch the buildings collapse—who knew how many people were in the buildings and on those planes. It was heart wrenching.

That day, like Pearl Harbor, will always be remembered and never ever forgotten. I knew I (had) just witnessed one of the most horrendous acts ever committed against our country, especially in my time. I just stood there and let the tears roll, as I had to turn away from watching as the buildings collapsed, the torturous rescues and people running to who knew where. I still cry when I think about it and will never forget it. I so wish in my lifetime to never ever see or experience anything like that again.

I just lost my mother on Aug. 28, 2001, and was still grieving her loss when 9/11 happened. I don't believe I ever grieved so much and felt such pain as I did for those who lost their lives that day, and in some way felt that Mom's loss had a whole different meaning to me and I could accept that she was in a better place and her suffering was over and I could now pray for the families of these people who lost their lives so tragically. I have a little glass souvenir of the Twin Towers my kids brought back for me when they visited NYC earlier that summer. Now it's a reminder for me to never forget.

• **Chris Pray, Natural Resources Manager:** It's
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the blue I remember, the ultramarine of a late summer sky. No haze and the sun had left behind the fury of August. It was always my favorite sky. Seeing it, like peeper frogs at ice out, like planting season, like the trout lillies in the forest, the scarlet sumac leaf of autumn, and the first snow in December was how I measured time. I will never again see that blue and not be reminded of the day my country was irrevocable altered.

Look at the pictures, that loveliness was the path and back-drop to an atrocity. The news that day showed Vesuvius in reverse—a collapsing pyroclastic flow of toxic dust, fire, blood and bodies that blotted out the sky and my clean blue with it. I was here then; in the woods, working and watching the sky.

• **Rick Raisch, West Point Post Office:** I have been an employee at the post office at West Point for 25 years now and was working on Sept. 11. In fact I was the acting supervisor at the time. The events were unbelievable, and all the more terrifying because of where we were. ... I don't ever need to tell anyone how much that day touched all our lives, and it is a day that will never be forgotten by those who lived (it), in every horrible detail.

I don't exactly remember when, but within a day or two, all of West Point got together at Trophy Point on a gray day to grieve together.



• **Julie Horton, spouse of Col. Steve Horton, Math Department:** Our family returned to West Point in the summer of 2001 after a year away at ICAF. We stayed temporarily at the

Five Star Inn (south post) and were lucky enough to have a room on the river side. One of the things that still sticks with me after 9/11 is the eerie total quietness of the usually busy Hudson River. The sights and sounds of the boats and trains we had become so used to were completely absent for days.

• **Jackie Whitt, Department of History:** Sept. 11, 2001 was the night I ate a coconut silk worm. I was a junior at

Hollins University, but halfway around the world, in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam, my study-abroad cohorts and I celebrated the end of our first week in country, with a meal of unusual Vietnamese delicacies, rice wine and Saigon 33 beer.

We were trickling back into our guest house when Tin's cell phone rang. His mother, a refugee of the Vietnam War, breathlessly told him that the WTC had been bombed.

Then the phone line died. There were no TVs in the guest house, no radios and but one computer with a dial-up Internet connection. We stood there, confused and helpless for a long time.

Eventually, we grabbed our passports and headed to one of the swanky downtown hotels, where we watched the news into

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Workers walk around the steel skirting, which is all that was left intact, from one of the Twin Towers after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack on the World Trade Center in New York City.

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the wee hours of our morning. The next day we registered with the American consulate and, again, with the Vietnamese police. We called our families.

Vietnamese strangers who spoke no English ran up to us in the streets, with newspapers or pictures in hand, saying “xin loi, xin loi”—I’m sorry, I’m sorry—this outpouring of compassion in a country that had been essentially destroyed by my own.

As grief and shock gave way to anger and the impulse of action, and the U.S. bombing campaign in Afghanistan began, the tenor of conversation with my Vietnamese friends and teachers changed.

Now, history came roaring back, as we watched bombs—smart ones, this time—rain down on a foreign place and people. Suddenly, our youthful conversations turned on the morality of interventions, on the lives of soldiers and civilians, on the clash of ideologies and on the devastating costs of war.

It was in this semester, away from home, immersed in history, knowing less than I thought I knew, that I decided to pursue a graduate degree in military history—a decision which would, six years later, bring me here as a civilian professor to teach military history to cadets who will almost certainly deploy to Iraq and Afghanistan. I could not have known that I would end up here at the time. But the past seems not so far away after all.

For many, the memory of 9/11 may conjure images of flag-lined streets, candlelight vigils, the reading of names and the coming together of Americans. For me? It’s a rice bowl and chopsticks, the taste of a grilled worm, a frenzied cyclo ride to find a TV and the reconciliation of former enemies.

• **Class of 2015 Cadet Chelsea Kay:** I was in Sacramento, Calif., at the time. Around 6 a.m. on the Tuesday morning of Sept. 11, 2001, my father entered my bedroom where my 10-year-old sister and I—9 years of age—were sleeping. He woke us up and told us that there was something that we “needed” to see in the living room. We followed him, sleepy-eyed, down the hallway and he led us in front of the television. I remember—so, so vividly—that as soon as I stood in front of it, Fox News was on and a live shot of the Twin Towers was on with one of the northeast tower smoking. At that instant, I watched an airplane flying from the left of the screen toward the southeast tower and I watched a huge explosion shortly thereafter.

I stood there not sure what I was watching, and then I remember seeing my dad on the phone and he said “Dana, I have no idea what is going on. I am keeping the girls home from school today.” He was talking to my mother, she was already at work.

After hearing my father on the phone, I looked back at the shot of New York City and so much debris and smoke filling its clear blue sky. I ran over to our brown couch and jumped onto it to search the sky for the smoke that I was seeing on the TV, through our sliding glass door and I could not understand why there was so much on the news but I could not see any of it outside the window. That is the last of that morning that I remember. However, I do remember that evening very clearly as well.

Later on that evening, I remember as if it were yesterday, sitting in the living room with my mother, father and sister as the Fox News cast disclosed that it was a supposed attack on the United States of America by a terrorist group. At that moment, I vowed to myself: No matter what, I am joining the United States military to protect this amazing nation from things like this.

And here I am. I am writing this article to the *Pointer View* and telling the story of why and how I am here today. I am here at the United States Military Academy to train to become the very best leader that I can be in order to serve the very best nation and to help to protect it and those within.

I have dreamt of fulfilling my vow for a decade now and I am more than thankful for being so blessed to finally begin to fulfill it by wearing these West Point patches and these West Point uniforms.

• **Deadra Ghostlaw, Assistant Secretary to the General Staff:** First, Sept. 11, 2001, was a spectacular fall day! The sky was clear blue, without a cloud in the sky. When my friend, Ron Smith, now retired from Federal Civilian Service and the Army Reserves, picked me up at about 8 a.m., we (and my husband) noticed that there was a VERY low flying passenger jet.

It was low enough to see the belly of the plane clearly. My husband was an air traffic controller in the Air Force and was quite surprised to see any plane that size flying that low over a populated area; it’s against the regulations.

I got to work, as the Secretary to the Commander of the First Battalion, First Infantry Regiment, and my husband called to tell me that a plane had hit one of the Trade Towers. At first he thought it was a small plane, not an airliner. While we were talking, he yelled something like, “I HAVE TO GO, THE OTHER TOWER WAS JUST HIT!!” I immediately called the battalion commander’s home phone number and left a message, “WHATEVER YOU’RE DOING, YOU NEED TO DROP IT AND GET IN RIGHT AWAY! WE’VE BEEN

HIT BY TERRORISTS!” or something like that.

From the time he arrived and had the Emergency Operations Center set up, he was on the phone with the Command Group and making decisions on what needed protection first, where the traffic control points would be set up and mobilized the entire Battalion, which consisted of the HHC and Engineer Platoon and the MP Company, totaling about 250 Soldiers. I was given my own radio call sign of “Guardian 6S”, the “S” for “Secretary” so that (the commander could) get messages to me when he was on the road around West Point.

From Sept. 11, 2001, until about mid-November 2001, every Soldier in HHC and the MP Company worked 12-hour shifts, at least six days a week, with no break in sight. Ron and I decided from that point on that when training holidays came along where we were able to take leave, we wouldn’t in order to show our support of the Soldiers, albeit small.

The first National Guard companies arrived in mid-November and were set up at the old Transient Barracks on Eichelburg Road. They were from the 69th in New York City. I remember that each and every one of the National Guard Soldiers had a story to tell as

they were either NYPD, FDNY or worked in or around the Wall Street area.

Some had to give up high-paying jobs on Wall Street when they were activated. From November 2001 until 2004, when the gate guards were contracted out, new Reserve units from New York and Connecticut were sent, and attached to the 1-1 Inf. Bn. about every six months.

One other memory was receiving a call about a week later from a family member of a fallen Soldier who had died in the terrorist attack, asking for the number to the Casualty Assistance Office so she could ask about funeral arrangements. She called back shortly and informed me that the number I had on file was incorrect. I felt so very bad! I called the Casualty Assistance Office at Fort Dix and asked for their correct number and the numbers of the other services to ensure that I would never give out an incorrect Casualty Assistance Office number again. I did call her back and gave her the correct number. I also provided all the updated Casualty Assistance numbers to the NYC Veterans Affairs Office.

As it was the year before the Bicentennial of West Point (and I was on the Bicentennial Committee), West Point had sent out invitations to their “Timeless Treasures” exhibit, as one of the first events to celebrate the Bicentennial in late September 2001.

After September 11, 2011, the Museum sent out letters to all who had RSVP’d, myself included, which stated that the letter had to be presented with valid ID in order to attend the event.

One of the first things Michael Moss, the museum director, told everyone in the opening remarks was, ‘this letter is a piece of history and that everyone in attendance should keep theirs for posterity.’ I kept mine. Due to moves, it’s in the attic now, in a plastic box.



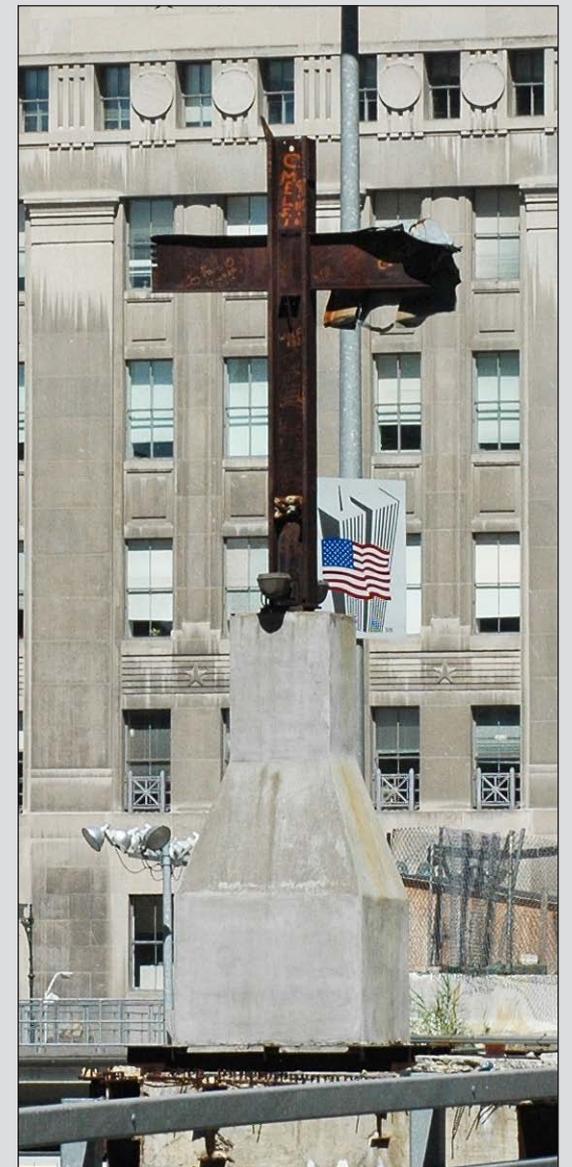
Ground Zero, five years later

Paul Rader, information specialist at West Point's Network Enterprise Center, stopped by the *Pointer View* office Tuesday to share a photo album he took while attending the five-year commemoration in 2006 of the 9/11 attack at Ground Zero.



New York City police and firefighters hold a flag that was recovered from the World Trade Center during a ceremony on the fifth anniversary of the attack on the World Trade Center.

PHOTOS BY PAUL RADER/NEC



The cross-shaped steel beam that survived and emerged from the wreckage of the terrorist attack on the World Trade Center became a symbol of hope for many after Sept. 11.



Families and friends who lost loved ones at the World Trade Center gathered at Ground Zero for a solemn ceremony in 2006, adding flowers, balloons, wreaths and other mementos to the footprint where one of the towers stood.



A flag bears the responding units and members who were killed in the line of duty on Sept. 11. The 2006 ceremony also included the reading of the names of the 2,749 victims at Ground Zero.

Letter to the Editor



Class of 2014 Cadet Amy Sanchez sets up cots and blankets at the Highland Falls Fire Department emergency shelter Aug. 28.

DEBRA DALTON/WEST POINT PARENTS

Too often residents in the Town of Highlands forget that West Point is an important part of our community and shares a strong interest in the well-being of our town.

During Hurricane Irene, while serving as coordinator of volunteers and services for evacuees, I saw what can happen when we all work as one caring community. West Point, Highland Falls and Fort Montgomery Fire Departments have a long history of cooperation and mutual aid. The response and successful 'swift water rescue' of many individuals was another shining example.

But, Irene brought many more people off post to help their neighbors. In addition to Cadet Kendrick Ladd with whom I rode the Town of Highlands Ambulance often, a dozen other EMT-trained cadets and a variety of officers pitched in with assistance and supplies.

To that end, heartfelt appreciation is extended to Lt. Col. John Nawoichyk (and his wife Wendy and son, Grant), Col. Joe DeAntona, Maj. Thomas Kennedy, Joe Colombo, special thanks to Col. Jeff Lieb (who donated a TV to the emergency shelter), Amy Rodick, Monica Orrechio and Dr. Joseph Gall of Army Community Services and the Assistance Center—and, most especially, to Cadets Hannah Johnson, Joseph Griggs, Edwin Cruz, Caitlin Adamowicz, Patrick Gutierrez, Robert Barnett, Tomas Wilson, Caleb Hughes, Thomas Crosby, Chris Apsey, Jeff Gorn and Amy Sanchez. Please forgive me, if I have omitted anyone.

This fine troop of USMA volunteers swooped in to deliver cots, pillows, food, water, fans and the TV to comfort the more than 30 people we housed in the Highland Falls Firehouse emergency shelter on Saturday and Sunday nights.

Your Town of Highlands neighbors are sincerely grateful!

Barbara "Charlie" Murphy
Highland Falls Fire Department



U.S. President Barack H. Obama awards the Medal of Honor to Sgt. 1st Class Leroy Petry, 75th Ranger Regiment, for his valor in Afghanistan at the White House in Washington D.C., July 12.

PHOTO BY SPC. DAVID M. SHARP/AMVID

MOH recipient to visit West Point

Staff Reports

Medal of Honor recipient Sgt. 1st Class Leroy Petry is visiting West Point today through Saturday.

He and his wife Ashley will participate in a variety of events while at the academy. Most notably, Petry will address the entire Class of 2012 where he will share and discuss his personal experiences and provide candid thoughts of what is expected of today's soon-to-be second lieutenants.

Additionally, Petry will attend and be recognized during Saturday's Salute to Heroes at the Army vs. San Diego State football game at noon.

Petry was awarded the Medal of Honor July 12 by President Barack Obama for his selfless actions in Afghanistan on May 26, 2008, as the squad leader in D Company, 2nd Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment, which saved the lives of several of his fellow Rangers while sustaining serious injuries himself.

In Memoriam

Sgt. 1st Class Laura R. Bradley, 47, a member of the Warrior Transition Unit and former vocalist with the West Point Band's Jazz Knights, passed away Aug. 30 at Phelps Memorial Hospital in Sleepy Hollow, N.Y., after a two and a half year battle with cancer.

Born in Bay Springs, Miss., she was the daughter of Laura Tate and the late Eddie McMillian.

Bradley's career spanned 27 years. A faithful member of the West Point Christian Fellowship, she was a Minister of Music and also Praise and Worship Leader/Choir director.

During her career, Bradley sang the National Anthem for such people as former President William Clinton, the New York Knicks, the New York Liberty, the Atlanta Braves and various military dignitaries. She also completed a European tour as the lead vocalist of the West Point Band's Jazz Knights.

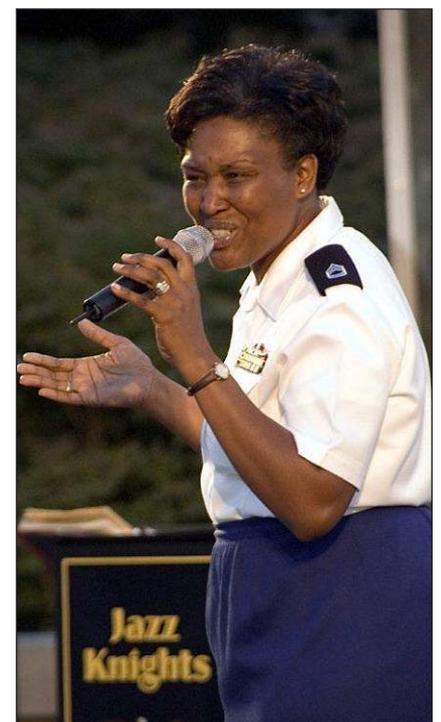
"It is very difficult for me to express, through words, the selfless contributions that Laura Bradley shared with so many

of us ... both musically and spiritually," Jazz Knights' Sgt. Maj. Ronald Fleischman said. "Her contributions as a vocalist with the USMA Band were beyond measure and far-reaching ... one of the most naturally-gifted musicians I ever knew.

"Her faith in God was inspirational to everyone and got her through many difficult times ... especially regarding her family and personal life," Fleischman continued. "Her never-ending devotion to the U.S. Army as a Soldier can be summed up in three glorious words ... 'Duty, Honor, Country.' She will be truly missed, but never forgotten."

She is survived by her husband, Malcolm Bradley, her mother, Laura Tate, one son, three daughters, four grandchildren and a very large extended family.

Funeral services were held Tuesday in Erie, Pa. A service celebrating Bradley's life will be held at 6 p.m. Friday at the Post Chapel.



Sgt. 1st Class Laura R. Bradley

Honoring Buffalo Soldiers

West Point's Buffalo Soldiers host 50th Recognition

Story and photo by Kathy Eastwood
Staff Writer

The 50th wreath-laying ceremony to honor the Buffalo Soldiers was made a little more interesting Sunday with the arrival of several regional members of the National Association of Buffalo Soldiers and Troopers on motorcycles who attended the ceremony at Buffalo Soldier Field. Many of the members have parents, grandparents or other relatives who served as Buffalo Soldiers.

Four former Buffalo Soldiers were also at the event, some attending with their families including retired Sgt. Sanders Matthews Sr., Clarence Dixon Sr., Irvin Press and Clarence Hoggard.

Retired Air Force Col. Roy Spells, a former Tuskegee Airman introduced Matthews as the guest speaker for the event, hosted by the Buffalo Soldiers Association of West Point. Matthews replaced retired Lt. Gen. Russel Honore as speaker due to Hurricane Lee, which was threatening the Louisiana coast.

The first Buffalo Soldiers were part of the 10th cavalry regiment, which began in 1866 with Soldiers protecting the American settlers and supporting Westward expansion. More than 200,000 fought in the Civil War. Buffalo Soldiers enlisted for five years and made \$13 a month, more than they could earn in civilian life.

"I was a Buffalo Soldier in Germany during World War II," Hoggard said. "I was here last year for the first time, but today, I was made an honorary member of the Buffalo Soldiers Association and they invited me when they found out I was a Buffalo Soldier."

Some, like Matthews from Highland Falls, taught cavalry skills to cadets at West Point in the 1940s.

"Every time I come here, I see myself riding and getting thrown off from the horse," Matthews said. "I had to take the horse to the hospital before I went. We were expendable, but the horse wasn't."

Matthews said he was 17 years old when he enlisted in 1939.

"I never rode a horse before that," he said. "We had a sergeant give us the basics and I got very good at it. I loved what I was doing."

Matthews went on to learn how to break horses and to teach cadets riding skills.



Lt. Gen. David Huntoon Jr., West Point superintendent; 1st Lt. Amanda Bent, Military Police Honor Guard platoon leader; and retired Buffalo Soldier Sgt. Sanders Matthews, lay the wreath and render a salute honoring Buffalo Soldiers during the 50th Buffalo Soldiers Recognition celebration at Buffalo Soldier Field Sunday. Dozens of bikers from Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina and Pennsylvania arrived to join the festivities. The bikers are members of Buffalo Soldier Club whose parents or other relatives were members of the Buffalo Soldiers during World War II.

White officers commanded the Buffalo Soldiers until Henry O. Flipper; Class of 1877, became the first African-American commander of the 10th Cavalry Regiment. Many white officers refused to command African-American soldiers and accepted a lower rank rather than take command, including Brig. Gen. George Armstrong Custer.

The last of the Buffalo Soldiers were disbanded in 1951 and reorganized into other units.

In Memoriam



Brig. Gen. Raymond J. Winkel Jr.

Retired Brig. Gen. Raymond J. Winkel Jr., former department head of Physics and Nuclear Engineering and member of the Class of 1967, passed away quietly Aug. 30 with his wife Sally at his bedside at the National Naval Medical Center (commonly known as the Bethesda Naval Hospital) in Bethesda, Md.

Col. Edward Naessens, current P&NE department head, said in an email to many who knew or worked for or with Winkel, "It is my sad duty to report the passing of our dear friend and mentor, Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Ray Winkel. He demonstrated his physical courage and resilience early in his career when wounded in the Vietnam War and in the five years that he battled cancer as he set an example of grace, fortitude and humility that none of us will ever forget.

"In his 22 years as the head of the Department of Physics, his unflinching devotion to high standards of discipline, integrity and scholarship was reflected in every graduate of West Point. His heartfelt love of cadets, faculty, the discipline of physics and, most of all, his love for Sally, has had a profound impact on all those who knew him. We will miss his infectious smile and his unique, distinctive laugh. We thank him for his dedication and sacrifice of over 42 years of service to our nation and our Army.

"His work is done, his course on earth is run, it can be said, 'Well done, be thou at peace.'"

Plans for a memorial service at West Point are ongoing and the particulars will be announced in the *Pointer View* when the service is scheduled.

FMWR Blurbs

Inaugural ACS Family Symposium

The inaugural ACS Family Symposium takes place from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Friday at the West Point Club.

Events include a Career Expo, Volunteer Stewardship Fair, Myers Briggs (MBTI) Workshop and EFMP Symposium.

In addition, numerous workshops will be offered from the various ACS programs to include AFTB, ID Theft and a school transition workshop for parents.

A coupon workshop is available during the symposium where you can discover ways to shop smarter, explore coupon websites and save money.

Volunteer organizations on and around West Point will have information tables where potential volunteers can learn about various opportunities.

Volunteering benefits our community, provides valuable work experience, opportunities for networking and skill-building. The Volunteer Fair will run from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

The ACS Family Symposium includes various other classes and workshops throughout the day.

To register for the ACS Family Symposium, visit www.westpointmwr.com or call 938-4621/2519 or stop by ACS, Bldg. 622.

For more information, call 938-4621/2519.

4-H West Point Crusaders interest meeting

A 4-H West Point Crusaders interest meeting will take place from 3-4:30 p.m. Friday at the Youth Center, Bldg. 500, for military or DOD dependents in grades 6-12.

Register with Parent Central at the Lee CDC. Potential projects will include wired for wind, claymation, tin punch, fine arts festival/Digital Arts, culinary, public presentation/public speaking, rocketry, stained glass, candy melt, poetry, picture frame kit, wood burning, business meetings, sugar maple tour, Month of the Military Child, community service, fair well/rocket blast off, Orange County Fair and much more.

For more information, call Marion DeClemente at 938-8889 or email marion.declemente@usma.edu.

Art EDGE! for school-age children

Art EDGE! is offering classes to design ballerinas, planes or trains for children in grades 1-5 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Fridays starting Friday through Sept. 30.

Classes are held at Lee CDC (behind Subway Sandwich Shop). Enroll at CYSS Parent Central or call 938-4458/0939.

Patriot Brunch

Join the West Point Club for a patriot-themed brunch with all your favorite items.

The brunch will be held from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Sunday in the Pierce Dining Room.

Discounts will be available for families of

deployed Soldiers and club members.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Make a Difference Day

West Point's inaugural Make a Difference Day is scheduled Nov. 4. Inspired by National Make a Difference Day, FMWR encourages community members to volunteer their time and work together to positively impact our community.

FMWR is currently seeking ideas for projects.

These projects should involve a number of volunteers and, ideally, result in some kind of "visible" impact (clearing trash, painting, landscaping/gardening, repairing, constructing/building, coordinated activity for Families of deployed Soldiers.)

Contact Christina Overstreet at christina.overstreet@usma.edu by Sept. 15.

CYSS Day for Kids

CYSS and the Boys & Girls Club of America are hosting a Day for Kids from 4-7 p.m. Sept. 16 at Lee Area CDC.

Lots of fun events are scheduled, including a special guest appearance by Sesame Street's Grover.

This event is free and open to the entire West Point community.

For more information, call 938-3727.

Soldier Show

The U.S. Army Soldier Show returns to West Point with a live 90-minute performance at 7 p.m. Sept. 18 at Eisenhower Hall.

Don't miss this memorable night of music, dance and celebration. Admission is free.

For more information, call 938-6497.

Fit EDGE! Volleyball

Fit EDGE! Volleyball consists of six classes and is open to youth in grades 6-12.

The free classes take place on Mondays at the Youth Center (500 Washington Road) starting Sept. 19 through Oct. 31.

Enroll at CYSS Parent Central or call 938-4458/0939.

Hudson Valley Wine Tasting and Music

Join the West Point Club for an evening of fine wine sampling and relaxing music in the Pierce Dining Room.

The evening event will take place from 6-9 p.m. Sept. 20.

An appetizer and beverage menu will be available as well.

There is a minimal fee for the wine tasting event.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Fall ceramic classes

The West Point Arts & Crafts Shop is offering Family and Adult ceramic fall and Halloween painting classes from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Sept. 22.

Registration for these classes is required.

For more information, call 938-4812.

Family Style Italian Dining

Enjoy Family Style Italian Dining at the West Point Club from 6-10 p.m. Sept. 26. The event includes live music.

For more information, call 938-5120.

Art EDGE! for Middle School & Teens

Paint a wooden plaque, "Home is Where the Army Sends Us," and design your initial/monogram plaque during an Art EDGE! program.

Free to grades 6-12 at the Youth Center, from 3-4:30 p.m. every Wednesday through Sept. 28.

Enroll at Parent Central, Lee CDC (behind Subway Sandwich Shop), Bldg. 140, or call 938-4458/0939.

Class size is limited.

Hired! Program

Teens ages 15-18 who are interested in working and meet the Hired! Program requirements can earn \$500 for working 15 hours a week for 12 consecutive weeks.

Hired! Workshops are offered for free at Youth Services Bldg. 500 from 3-5:30 p.m.

ACS will be offering workshops Oct. 6, Nov. 3 and Dec. 1.

Interested teens can contact Marion DeClemente at 938-8889 or email marion.declemente@usma.edu.

Youth sports coaches needed

CYSS Sports and Fitness is seeking volunteer coaches for youth soccer for the fall 2011 season.

If you are interested, call the Youth Sports Office at 938-8896.

NEW INFO

West Point Parent Advisory Council meeting

Join the West Point Parent Advisory Council for its first meeting of the new academic year at 4 p.m. today at the Stony CDC.

Meet the new Stony CDC director, learn about upcoming events and programs, ask questions, makes suggestions and voice any concerns you have.

This meeting is open to all parents who have children enrolled in any CYSS program.

Parents who participate earn Parent Participation credit toward a discount on their monthly bill.

For more information, email westpointpac@gmail.com.

School Age Services Sports Madness Night

The next School Age Services Night will take place from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Friday at the Lee Area CDC. This event is open to all children in grades 1-5.

The theme for this event is "Sports

Madness."

Activities include relay races, HORSE basketball, brownie decorating and more.

There is a minimal cost per child for this event. To make reservations, call 938-0942.

Wee One Play Group hours of operation

The Wee Ones Play Group returns to its regular hours of 9:30-11 a.m. at the Lee Child Development Center beginning Monday.

For more information, call Shelley Ariosto at 938-3369.

Kids Bike Rodeo

The Kids Bike Rodeo originally scheduled for Aug. 27 is now from 10 a.m.-noon Sept. 24 at the West Point Middle School.

For more details, call 938-4585.

West Point Oktoberfest

FMWR presents Oktoberfest from 4-9 p.m. Sept. 23 and from noon-8 p.m. Sept. 24 at the H-Lot Field.

Enjoy traditional German food, drink and music with American flair.

There will be live bands, a weiner dog race, Orange Co. Cops & Rodders car show (Sept. 23), Mr. and Mrs. Oktoberfest contest (Sept. 23), a Kinder Korner (Sept. 24), FitComp and Oktoberfest Olympics.

The event is open to the public.

For more information, call 938-6497.

FMWR community swim program September hours of operation

The community swim program September hours of operation are:

- Monday through Saturday—noon-1:30 p.m.;
- Monday and Wednesday—6:30-8:30 p.m.;
- Closed for home football games Saturday and Sept. 17.

Check the information tape at 938-2985 for any changes to the schedule.

Behavior management workshop

The "Who's in Charge at Your House?" workshop will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Sept. 20 at the Lee CDC.

This free workshop is for parents who want to learn behavior management techniques to address children's behaviors.

Register by calling Kim Tague at 938-3921 or Jodi Cabrera at 938-8899.

Celebrate "The Rocky Horror Picture Show"

Join the West Point Club for its celebration of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show" from 7 p.m.-midnight Sept. 29.

Watch the movie on the big screen in the Club's Grand Ballroom, play along with props, costume contest for best character, dancing and just good-old fashion fun.

Cash bar and bar menu available all night.

For more information, call 938-5120.

What's Happening

Protestant Women of the Chapel evening study kickoff

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invites everyone to an evening study kickoff from 7-9 p.m. tonight at the Post Chapel basement. Childcare is not provided for the evening kickoff.

For more information, contact ascgriffin@gmail.com.

Sunday Mornings at Thayer Hall

USMA Prep schoolers, cadets, faculty, civilians, family members and retirees are all welcome to join this semester's inspiring classes sponsored by the Protestant Chapels.

The classes include Church Outside the Church Building with Tony Burgess, Marriage Built to Last-DVD series with Billy and Revita Page, Study the Book of Acts with David Hampton, Spiritual Body-Pump Strengthening—your Daily Christian Life with Mark Fairbrother, the Prodigal God with Marty Conkling and Walking in the Footsteps of Christ with Mark Stoneburner.

Shawn Hatch and Dwain Gregory teach cadet-specific classes on discipleship and Bible study.

For all youths, grades Pre-K-high school, the cadet Sunday School teachers will be teaching lessons. Classes start 9-10 a.m. Sunday.

Nursery is provided. To register, contact the Director of Religious Education Protestant Chapels Eric Bryan at 845-608-0547 or email eric.bryan@usma.edu.

West Point Women's Club Super Sign-Up

Join the West Point Women's Club for its Super Sign-Up from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 15 at the West Point Club.

Membership, door prizes, hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, shopping, volunteer opportunities and community information are available.

Reservations are not required. The WPWC only requests that you grab your neighbors and join them for an evening of friendship and fun.

You will have the opportunity to become a member of the WPWC and participate in a year of fun-filled events and activities.

West Point AWANA Club registration

The West Point AWANA Club registration is ongoing.

AWANA is a fun, Bible-based club for 3-year-old's through 6th grade. The club meets at 5 p.m. Sunday evenings with the first meeting Sept. 18. Sign up at the Post Chapel Annex, which is located at 692 Biddle Loop.

For more information, call 938-2003.

Blast from the Past at New Windsor Cantonment

At 2 p.m. Sept. 24, Continental Army soldiers from the seventh Massachusetts Regiment will perform a military drill in front of the Temple Building at the New Windsor Cantonment.

Revolutionary War-era soldiers perform a military demonstration and fire a cannon. A gallery tour will follow the demonstration.

From 3:30-4:30 p.m., tour the nearby 1754 Ellison House, Knox's Headquarters.

The New Windsor Cantonment State Historic Site is co-located with the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor on Route 300, 374 Temple Hill Road, in New Windsor, just three miles south of the intersection of I-87 and I-84.

Knox's Headquarters is located at 289 Forge Hill Road in Vails Gate.

For more information, call (845) 561-1765, ext. 22.

Highland Falls Farmers Market

The Highland Falls Farmers Market is open from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. every Sunday through Oct. 30.

The market is located at the municipal parking lot across the street from the West Point Museum and Sacred Heart Church.

Cornwall Farmers Market

Looking for a convenient place to purchase fresh, local produce, flowers, baked goods, meats and other items? Then come to the Cornwall Farmers Market on the lawn at the Cornwall Town Hall from 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. every Wednesday through October.

October Motorcycle Safety Courses

The West Point Safety Office is offering Motorcycle Safety Courses for staff and faculty who are active duty and reserve component military Oct. 19-20 and to cadets Oct. 20-23.

For more information, call the West Point Safety Office at 938-3717.

West Point Diving Club

The West Point Diving Club will be offering learn-to-dive lessons this fall at Crandall Pool in the Arvin Cadet Physical Development Center.

All ages and experience levels are welcome. The ability to swim is a prerequisite.

Lessons are offered from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 11 a.m.-noon Saturday. There are also noon-1 p.m. and 1-2 p.m. Saturday lessons when available.

For more information, contact diving coach Ron Kontura at ron.kontura@usma.edu or (845) 938-4207.

Girl Scout Heart of the Hudson, Inc. looking for oldest Girl Scout alumni

Girl Scouts Heart of the Hudson, Inc. will be celebrating Girl Scouting's 100th anniversary (officially March 12, 2012) with a yearlong series of events beginning this fall.

The search is out for the oldest living Girl Scout alumnae in each of the seven counties in its jurisdiction—Dutchess, Orange, Putnam, Rockland, Sullivan, Ulster and Westchester—and include them in the festivities.

Women who participated in Girl Scouting from Brownie age through high school and beyond are invited to contact the council and share their memories.

They can send an email to alumnae100@girlscoutshh.org or write to Girl Scout Alumnae, 2 Great Oak Lane, Pleasantville, NY 10570.

DUSA looking for a part-time bookkeeper

A part-time bookkeeper is needed for the Daughters of the United States Army gift shop located in the West Point Museum.

For more information, email wpdusapresident@gmail.com or mail a resumé to:

DUSA President

DUSA Gift Shop

P.O. Box 78

West Point, NY 10996

NEW INFO

9/11 commemoration at Patriot Garden

Vision Town of Highlands is sponsoring a 10-year commemoration of Sept. 11, 2001, at 1 p.m. Sunday at the Patriot Garden on Route 9W in Fort Montgomery.

The remembrance ceremony will include music from various community members, a speaker and a wreath laying.

Members of the West Point community are invited to attend.

Special 9/11 prayer services

To remember the sacrifices of those who died on 9/11, as well as those who answered the call for their country, the West Point Chapels are offering special prayer services during the morning worship hour Sunday.

The guest speaker at the Cadet Chapel's 10:30 a.m. service is former Chief of Army chaplains, retired Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Dave Hicks, who was serving at the Pentagon on 9/11.

Hicks will speak on "Faith under Fire."

All chapels on post will be open for normal services, personal prayer and reflection.

Puppies Behind Bars

The fall training for Puppies Behind Bars takes place at the 49er Lodge from noon-4 p.m. Sunday.

Cadets can sign up on the USCC homepage. Community members can sign up by emailing gilbert@puppiesbehindbars.com.

Fort Putnam closed

Fort Putnam will be closed during the month of September.

The fort was originally scheduled to be open on home football weekends; however, due to limited staffing this is not feasible.

Plans to open during home football weekends in October are still in effect. The Fort Putnam staff regrets any inconvenience this may cause.

For more information, call the West Point Museum at (845) 938-3590.

Indian Point siren test

A full-volume test of the Indian Point Siren System will be conducted between 10-11 a.m. Wednesday.

For more information, call (845) 615-0476.



Black and Gold volunteers

Army Community Service celebrated the Black and Gold Volunteer Award and Volunteer of the 4th Quarter ceremony Sept. 1 at ACS, Bldg. 622. Garrison Comander Col. Michael Tarsa (far left) and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Jose Powell (far right) pose with 4th Quarter honorees Linda Shoop, Wade Seidule, Maj. Tim Carignan, Aubrey Shoop, Eric Wallace, Beth Carignan, Grace Plumley, Capt. John Morrow—holding Madison Morrow, Christina Overstreet—Army Volunteer Corps Coordinator, Melissa Morrow, Diana Ringquist, Melissa Prosperie, Col. Barry Shoop, Julia Godshall and Mariann Nance. Volunteers of the 4th Quarter were Seidule and Wallace for their contributions during the 2011 Feds Feed Families Food Drive.

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Keller Corner

Free developmental/hearing screenings

Not all children develop the same way, some need extra help. If you have concerns with your child's communication skills, motor skills, self-help skills, learning, behavior, and/or social interactions, join us at our free developmental/hearing screenings.

The screenings will be conducted at the CDC in conjunction with Audiology, EDIS and West Point Schools for children from birth to 5 years old.

It will be held from 8:45 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday. It is by appointment only.

To schedule an appointment, call 938-2698/6868.

Suicide Prevention is everyone's business

September is National Suicide Prevention Month and it's important to have phone numbers in hand for an emergency situation. To find a Behavioral Health provider, call:

- North Region: 877-747-9579;
 - West Region: 866-651-4970;
 - South Region: 877-298-3514.
- 24-hour crisis/suicide assistance line:
- North Region: 800-273-Talk (8255);
 - West Region: 866-284-3743;
 - South Region: 904-254-2313.
 - VA and National suicide prevention life line: 800-273-8255.

- Military One Source suicide prevention life line: 800-342-9647.

Have you heard of ECHO?

Active duty family members who are homebound or have serious medical or mental disabilities are entitled to supplemental TRICARE coverage under the Extended Care Health Option.

Special education, assistive services and training on assistive technology devices are just a few of the benefits offered through ECHO.

Enrollment in the Exceptional Family Member Program is required.

For more information, visit the TRICARE ECHO website page at www.tricare.mil/echo/default.cfm, or contact Health Net Federal Services at 877-874-2273

Check your wallet

All TRICARE Prime beneficiaries, including active duty servicemembers and cadets, should have a TRICARE Prime card.

You can request one by speaking to a customer service representative at 877-874-2273. Present this card along with your military ID card whenever you need civilian health care.

The card also contains important information about emergency and out of area care. Check your wallet ... now.

Weekly Sudoku by Chris Okasaki, D/EECS

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1			7		9	6		5
		2			3			

Rules: Fill in the empty cells with the digits 1-9 so that no

digit appears twice in the same row, column, or 3-by-3 box.

See SUDOKU SOLUTION, Page 2

Difficulty: Easy

NOW SHOWING

in the movie theater at Mahan Hall, Bldg. 752.

Friday—Zookeeper, PG, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday—Transformers: Dark of the Moon, PG-13, 7:30 p.m.

THE THEATER SCHEDULE ALSO CAN BE FOUND AT WWW.AAFES.COM.

Command Channel 8/23

Sept. 8-15

(Broadcast times)

Army Newswatch

Today, Friday and Monday through Sept. 15

8:30 a.m., 1 p.m. and 7 p.m.

The Point

Today, Friday and Monday through Sept. 15

8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Life Works at Balfour Beatty Communities

• **Healthy Breakfast on the GO**—BBC hopes you are hungry because it wants to start your day right with a Breakfast on the GO! Drive by 132 Bartlett Loop between 7-8:30 a.m. Sept. 15 for a free bagged breakfast brought to your car window.

It's BBC's way of saying thanks to all our wonderful residents.

• **Bobbin' for Apples**—What better way to prepare for fall than eating one of its most festive fruits. BBC offers community members to bob for apples, make caramel apples and enjoy apple cider.

The event will take place from 3-4:30 p.m. Sept. 20 at 126 Washington Road.

To register for this event, email Jodi Gellman at jgellman@bbcgrp.com or call 446-6407.

Women's Soccer defends Black Knight Classic title

By Mady Salvani
Army Athletic Communications

Tournament Most Valuable Player sophomore forward Kim An scored twice within a span of nine minutes for a 2-0 first half lead, then assisted on the third goal as Army, defending its title for the second straight year, romped to a 5-1 victory over Stetson Sunday in the final round of the Black Knight Classic.

The Black Knights (3-1-1) posted a 2-0-0 round robin mark with Seton Hall (1-1-0), who Army defeated 1-0 Sept. 2, finishing runner-up. Colgate (1-1-0) and Stetson (0-2-0) placed third and fourth, respectively.

Army's five goals are the most scored by the Black Knights since a 6-1 home win over Albany Aug. 30, 2005.

An scored three goals, including both game winners, along with an assist. She was joined on the all-tournament team by senior goaltender Monica Lee, sophomore midfielder Joey Molacek and sophomore defenseman Molly McGuigan.

"It is great to win, because any time you host a tournament, you hope you will win," Army head coach Stefanie Golan said. "There were quality opponents in this tournament, and it was not easy to do. We are proud of the girls for the way they competed hard on Friday (win over Seton Hall) and came up with a tough win and then put five goals in the back of the net today."

"We had some quality goals today," she added. "There was a lot of composure, a lot of good combination play and for Kim (An) to come into her own this weekend is huge for us."

Senior midfielder Julia Stallard assisted on the first goal, sending the ball forward to An who blasted a shot into the left corner of the Stetson net at the 10:39 mark.

Late in the game, Stallard closed out the scoring when she headed in a deflection off the goalkeeper in the 88th minute. Shifted from a defender to midfielder this year, the goal is Stallard's career first and the helper is her third and first this season.

After beating Hatter keeper Grace Turner with an 18-yard shot on her first goal, An ripped a 20-yarder into the right side of the net at the 19:46 mark off a pass from sophomore defenseman Katie Wacker, who picked up her first career assist. An's second goal proved to be the game winner, her second this weekend, in stretching her career total to six, which is just one shy of breaking into Army's top 10 all-time list.

"It is a great win for our season," An said. "Winning this tournament gave us confidence the rest of last season, and this was a good milestone that we crossed today. After we scored the two goals, you could see there was a little lull, but we recollected in the second half and went out there like it was 0-0 and kept playing hard. No matter what the score is, we play the same, always work hard and play Army soccer."

Army had two more shots on goal, by Molacek and freshman forward Jessica Koulabouth, before the end of the first half as six of the Black Knights' 15 shots were on goal. Though the Hatters did not have a shot on goal in the first half, Alexis Hermosa's attempt in the 40th minute hit the right post and bounced away.

Stetson sliced Army's 2-0 lead to one goal in the second half when Alexis Hermosa, named to the all-tournament team, gathered a loose ball in front of the net and converted the opportunity at 50:43. Her first goal of the season snapped Army's streak of three straight shutouts and is just the third given up in five games this season by Lee, the Black Knights' keeper.

"There was a point after we scored the two goals that we dropped off our intensity and it came back to bite us," Lee,



Sophomore forward Kim An earned Tournament Most Valuable Player of the Black Knight Classic with three goals and an assist in two games.

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who shows a stingy 0.57 goals-against average, said. "We hunkered down and came back and scored three more. It was a bummer to drop the shutout. It was a good goal by Stetson, but it would have been nice to keep our shutout streak going."

The Black Knights answered with a goal by Molacek from eight yards into the left corner of the net off an assist from An at the 61:51 to pull out to a 3-1 lead.

The goal was Molacek's second of the season and career fourth, with An picking up her first assist in 2011 and career fourth.

Her five points in a game (2 goals, 1 assist) tied the mark she set last year against Quinnipiac.

Army added a pair of late tallies over a six minute span with senior defenseman Dee Clegg beating Turner with a 24-yard shot at 82:39 off an assist from Koulabouth, season firsts for both and Clegg's career eighth. Stallard scored off an assist by sophomore midfielder Donna Bennett (first of her career) with 1:34 left.

The Black Knights outshot the Hatters 30-8, along with a season-high corner kick advantage (9-1).

Next up: Army vs. San Diego State Aztecs

By Army Athletic Communications

Army (0-1) will try to score its first victory of the young season Saturday when it welcomes San Diego State (1-0) to Michie Stadium. Kickoff is set for noon.

The game will be televised by the CBS Sports Network with Gary Thorne doing the play-by-play and Randy Cross providing the color analysis.

Listen to the game on the radio on the Army Sports Network. Hear all the action on WABC 770-AM New York, WALL 1340-AM Middletown, WEOK 1390-AM Poughkeepsie or Sirius Satellite Radio (Channel TBA). Rich DeMarco will provide the play-by-play action while Dean Darling provides the color commentary.

Coaching Match Up

- Army head coach Rich Ellerson
Alma Mater: Hawai'i, 1977
3rd Season at Army (12-14, .462)
12th Season Overall (72-55, .567)
Record vs. San Diego State: 2-0
- San Diego State head coach Rocky Long
Alma Mater: New Mexico, 1974
1st Season at SDSU (1-0, 1.000)
12th Season Overall (66-69, .489)
Record vs. Army: 0-0



Army quick hits

- The Black Knights have not opened a season 0-2 under head coach Rich Ellerson. In fact, the team has won two of its first three games in each of Ellerson's first two seasons at West Point. Army started 0-4 during the 2008 season.

- San Diego State is the second of three straight bowl teams from a year ago that make up Army's season-opening schedule.

The Aztecs defeated Navy, 35-14, in last season's Poinsettia Bowl. The Black Knights' first three opponents (Northern Illinois, San Diego State and Northwestern) combined to go 27-13 last season. In all, Army plays six teams that advanced to the postseason a year ago.

- Army used 23 players at Northern Illinois who had never seen action on the collegiate level before. That group included nine freshmen. Eleven of Army's 22 starters were making their debut with the first unit, including a pair of rookies—running back Trenton Turrentine and strong safety Hayden

Pierce.

- The Black Knights are coming off a 49-26 loss at Northern Illinois. Army rolled up 409 yards of total offense, including 303 yards on the ground. It was the highest offensive yardage output during the Rich Ellerson era.

It was the fourth time since the start of 2007 that Army gained at least 400 yards. The Black Knights have lost all four of those games.

The loss marked the first under Ellerson when Army reached the 300-yard mark on the ground (1-4).

- Junior slot back Malcolm Brown led the Army ground game with a career-high 92 yards and a touchdown on just nine carries. He also caught one pass for 25 yards. Brown accounted for three of Army's five offensive plays that covered at least 20 yards against the Huskies.

The Black Knights used 10 different ball carries with six of them gaining at least 20 yards.

- Sophomore wide receiver Jared McFarlin was one of those Black Knights making their collegiate debut. McFarlin started for the first time and led the Black Knights with four catches for 35 yards and his first career touchdown.

- Defensively, senior linebacker Steven Erzinger made a career-high 21 tackles and matched his career high with 3.5 tackles for loss. Erzinger's 21 stops were the most by any player in the nation during the first week of play.

It was Army's first 20-tackle game since Caleb Campbell had 21 stops against Air Force in 2005.



Scouting the Aztecs

- San Diego State head coach Rocky Long is in his first season as the Aztecs' boss. Long spent the previous two seasons as the SDSU defensive coordinator.

A 1974 graduate of New Mexico, Long spent 11 seasons as the head coach of his alma mater (1998-2008). Long has coached in seven bowl games, including five as the head man with the Lobos.

- The Aztecs scored a 49-21 victory over Cal Poly in their first game Sept. 2. San Diego State scored 14 points in the first, second and fourth quarters. Running back Ronnie Hillman and receivers Dylan Denso and Colin Lockett accounted for six of the team's seven touchdowns.

Hillman, who broke Marshall Faulk's school record for rushing yards by a freshman



Junior slot back Malcolm Brown gained a career-high 92 yards and scored a touchdown in Army's 49-26 loss to Northern Illinois Sept. 3. TOMMY GILLIGAN/WPPAO

last season, ran for 189 yards and two touchdowns in the victory. Denso caught four passes for 66 yards and two scores, while Lockett hauled in three passes for 82 yards and one touchdown. Lockett's second score came on a 94-yard kickoff return.

Quarterback Ryan Lindley completed 15-of-27 passes for 203 yards and four touchdowns. The Aztecs racked up 492 yards of total offense (293 rushing, 203 passing).

- Defensively, SDSU held the Mustangs to 284 yards of total offense. Senior linebacker Miles Burris and redshirt freshman linebacker Jake Fely each had six tackles to pace the Aztecs' stop unit. Two of Burris' tackles came behind the line of scrimmage, including a sack. Overall, the team made nine tackles for loss.

- Lockett paced the San Diego State special teams with four kickoff returns for 143 yards (35.8 yards/return), including the 94-yard score. Larry Parker handled the punt return duties, averaging 8.5 yards on two attempts.

Abelardo Perez missed his only field goal try from 46 yards away, while Brian

Stahovich put three of his six punts inside the 20-yard line, averaging 42.2 yards per boot.

- Lindley has proven to be one of the most productive quarterbacks in the nation over his first three seasons.

He is the NCAA active career leader in passing attempts (1,312), and ranks second in completions (739), yards (9,740), touchdowns (71) and total offense (9,517).

The Army-San Diego State series

- Saturday marks the first meeting between the Black Knights and the Aztecs on the gridiron.

- Army head coach Rich Ellerson is unbeaten in two meetings against San Diego State. Ellerson led Cal Poly to victories over the Aztecs in 2006 and 2008.

300/100 vision

- Army ran for 303 yards and passed for another 106 yards in its season-opening loss at Northern Illinois. It marked the first time the Black Knights posted a 300-100 game since Nov. 14, 1998 against Tulane.

The Black Knights rushed for 357 yards and threw for another 178 yards in a 49-35 loss to the Green Wave.